the Office of the Accountant General of various States and Internal Audit of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Purohitya Pathyakarma

235. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the factual position about the Purohitya Pathyakarma, reported in the Times of India dated the 3rd February, 2002;

(b) whether there is a serious move to introduce such a course; if so, what would be its various features; and

(c) how would it fit into rest of the faculty studies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has not introduced such a course.

Reforms in Schooling system

236. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report captioned, "Kids under Stress: The flipside of great expectations", which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 16th January, 2002, regarding suicide by an eight year old who refused to return to the residential school after the vacations;

(b) if so, whether Government have done study of the present schooling and examination system which, it is believed, caused a lot of stress on the child's mind; and

(c) what reforms, if any, are proposed to be made in the current schooling and examination system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has addressed this issue appropriately in its latest National Curriculum Framework